

# **2004 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

## **Local Government Stewardship Award**



### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize outstanding local government efforts to improve or protect the environment.

### **ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS:**

Any local government, agency, or entity responsible thereto that has initiated projects such as identifying local environmental or conservation issues, educating the citizens about the environmental, health and economic ramifications of the issues and possible solutions, and implementing an aggressive public action plan to address the issues. Projects funded by the Department of Environment and Conservation, but which are independently managed and operated, are eligible. The nomination should include a short description of the entity or agency. There may be a separate award in this category for East, Middle, and West Tennessee.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

1. The environmental or natural resource benefits.
2. The extent that the project represents an innovative approach.
3. Whether the project is continuous or "one time only".
4. The corresponding increase in the community's environmental awareness.
5. The scope of the improvement effort.
6. The number of volunteers that were involved.
7. The manner in which the public was engaged.